

EXHIBIT 9

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18 THE COURT: Mr. [TKPWRA-EUPBG]ly, the
19 United States may proceed.

20 MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. FRANKLIN:

23 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Bell?

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1 A. Good afternoon, Mr. Franklin.

2 Q. would you state your full name and spell your
3 last name, please?

4 A. Raymond [HRO-EUL] bell, B-E-L-L.

5 Q. And where are you from? where do you live,
6 Mr. Bell?

7 A. I live in Sims, Alabama, S-E-M-M-E-S.

8 Q. And where is that?

9 A. It's a small city inside something county.
10 western part of the county by the airport.

11 Q. And how long have you lived there?

12 A. Six years.

13 Q. What do you do for a living?

14 A. I'm an attorney.

15 Q. And how long have you practiced law?

16 A. This is my sixth year.

17 Q. Prior to practicing law, what did you do for
18 a living?

19 A. I worked in the governor's office.

20 Q. And would you tell us how it is you came to
21 first start working in the governor's office?

22 A. Back in 1995, I was working for a law firm in
23 Mobile, and the senior partner of that law

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- 1 to the right of Mr. Carman. There's an Eric
2 Hanson, a William Norton. Looks like senior
3 vice president and corporate counsel
4 HealthSouth, and Richard Scrushy. Do you
5 recall in what form you got those
6 recommendations from Hanson, Norton, or
7 Scrushy?
- 8 A. No, sir.
- 9 Q. Don't recall anything about that?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. All right. This memorandum is dated what?
- 12 A. Can I get that back? I need that back.
13 well, there it is. June 25, 1999.
- 14 Q. And would the reference to Mr. Carman
15 recommended by these three people, Hanson,
16 Norton, and Scrushy, would that indicate to
17 you, Mr. Bell, that as of June 25th, 9 1999,
18 that HealthSouth appointee or nominee or
19 candidate, however you want to phrase it, was
20 on Governor Siegelman's radar screen by that
21 time as a potential candidate or is a
22 potential board member, rather?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. And there's been some testimony in the case
2 and there's been some statement in opening
3 statement that there was a meeting between
4 Governor Siegelman and Richard Scrushy, and I
5 don't want to say what date the jury is going
6 to decide, but either the 29th of June or the

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7 14th of July, 1999. would that indicate to
8 you that prior to either one of those dates,
9 also a HealthSouth member or candidate on the
10 radar screen of goes before those two dates?

11 MR. FRANKLIN: Objection to the form of
12 the question, Your Honor. In that
13 question, he talks about what was
14 said in opening statement and what
15 other witnesses have testified to
16 in this courtroom. His question
17 is supposed to go to this witness
18 and ask him for information, not
19 give him information.

20 MR. KILBORN: Cross-examination, Your
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: As asked, sustained. You
23 may re-ask it in a different form.

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1 Q. Let's just point out that obvious, Mr. Bell.
2 It's obvious that the HealthSouth candidate
3 was on the radar screen before either the
4 29th of June or the 24th of July, isn't it?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And it's obvious that the HealthSouth
7 candidate was on the radar screen before July
8 19th, 1999?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And I believe that there are 26 people on
11 that particular list of candidates?

12 A. I'll take your word for it.

13 Q. Let me show you?